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Bridge repair delay frustrates motorists

Don Howard
Staff Writer

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Frustrated Plymouth and Northville residents still have no answer from Wayne County officials as to when Hines Drive will open.

Many residents accuse county officials of dodging the question while a recent TV report quotes Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) reports that there is no set date to reopen the high-traffic roadway. That report contrasts with comments from the Wayne County Department of Public Services (DPS) claiming that bids for design work on the bridge repair project have finally been completed and bids are just now going to the purchasing department. They claim the goal is to repair all the closed Hines Drive bridges by summer, 2019.

The Hines Parkway bridges have been closed since April when officials from the Wayne County Road Commission and Wayne County Parks abruptly determined them unsafe. In a bulletin addressed to Tupac Hunter, Wayne County chief of external affairs, Wayne County Public Services executive Bernard Parker stated that an MDOT inspection report stressed the closure of the two bridges located in Plymouth township "due to shear cracks.

"The bridges, built in 1932, are identical and should be completely replaced," stated Country Deputy Director of Roads Mike Gorman at the time. Gorman said the bridges were past their design life.

"If the county budget permits simultaneous construction (of the three bridges), repairs would take about a year from the commencement date. The bridges will remain closed until that work can be complete."

"It all has to do with budget,"

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Seasonal celebration

The Christmas Concert by music students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park has become an annual tradition with the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club and this year was no exception. The students filled the Cultural Center just before the holidays and the Festival Singers presented choral selections under the direction of Jennifer Neumann while the Symphony Strings performed holiday and traditional instrumental favorites under the direction of Catherine DePentu. The singers were accompanied by Carole DeHart on the piano. Photo by Sean Rhaesa

Red Kettle campaign collection continues

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

> *We can give to help those most in need. We're trying to do all we can.*

Salvation Army volunteers are still hoping to meet the regional goal of $8,2 million this year.

"We're doing our year-end giving push," Maj. Russ Sjogren, general secretary and Salvation Army Metro Detroit area commander, said last week.

"We'd like to encourage that (giving) so no one is without in our plethora of services," said Sjogren. He thanked all donors, too.

The red kettles are gone from stores and streets, but the fundraising runs through the end of January, he said. He and others appreciate the civic leaders of the Consortium of Hope.

Through the end of December, they matched dollar-for-dollar the donations up to $300,000.

"We've got this great match," said Sjogren. He's been in that role 5 1/2 years, and notes generous metro Detroiters have helped The Salvation Army meet the red kettle goal each year.

"That has proven to be the case," said Sjogren. "I've found them to be very generous. They usually rally and they usually come around," both individuals and businesses.

"There's still time to give," he emphasized. "We can give to help those most in need. We're trying to do all we can."

Online donations can be made at www.salmich.org or text SALMICH to 41444;

Call 877-SAL-MICH or send a check or money order, made payable to The Salvation Army, to 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075.

Sjogren is proud of downtown Detroit, where fundraising started in November utilizing the world's tallest kettle at 56 feet.

"That is absolutely true, the world's tallest kettle," he said. "It's stayed that way the last five years." Its many lights attract downtown Detroit passers-by.

Sjogren noted that more online shopping impacted fundraising this year and said he is pleased with volunteer bell ringer hours being up this season.

The officers at the Plymouth Corps and Wayne-Westland

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Court marks system anniversary with display

Judges of 35th District Court and Historical Societies of Plymouth, Northville and Canton are hosting an open house Jan. 7 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the district court system in Michigan.

The event will feature two historical displays, according to a prepared statement from the court. The first, about the history of the 35th, will be located in the hall on the third floor. The second display, set up in the magistrate's courtroom on the second floor, takes a look at the five communities served by the 35th as they were in the 1960s. It will reveal some of the history and purpose of creating the district courts and shines a spotlight on some of the changes that have occurred during the last 50 years.

Often referred to as "the people's court" district courts have exclusive jurisdiction over all civil claims for damages up to $25,000. This includes small claims court (disputes less than $5,500), landlord-tenant disputes, and land contract disputes. It also has exclusive jurisdiction for violations of municipal and state laws. These offenses are typically broken into three categories: civil infractions (which are most often traffic offenses), criminal misdemeanor proceedings (crimes punishable by up to one year in jail), and felony preliminary exams (crimes punishable by more than one year in prison). The court may also conduct marriages in a civil ceremony

During the morning hours Jan. 7 all three courtrooms will be conducting the regular business of the courts and are open to the public. As time permits, the three judges will take questions to assist visitors in understanding the proceedings.

Visitors can enjoy light refreshments while observing the court in action during regular business hours from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

As required by the 1963 Michigan Constitution, legislation in 1968 created the state district court system June 17, 1968. On Jan. 1, 1969, the first district court judges, 149 of them, took the bench. This included Judge Dunbar Davis at the 35th District Court who was the municipal judge in Plymouth prior to the creation of the district court system.

The 35th District Court is located at 660 Plymouth Road in Plymouth.

BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

City sets annual celebration of Dr. King

Plans are already under way for the celebration marking Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Romulus later this month.

A community celebration titled Standing Up For Democracy will begin at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 21 at Romulus Middle School and the Community March will begin at 8 a.m. when participants will walk to Romulus High School for breakfast served by members of the Romulus Rotary club. At 9:30 a.m., the official program will begin in the Romulus High School Auditorium,.

The event is sponsored annually by the City of Romulus, the Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the Romulus Community School District. Romulus Middle School, where the Community March will begin, is located at 37300 Wick Road. There will be a shuttle service provided from Romulus High School at 9650 Wayne Road to Romulus Middle School from 7 until 7:45 a.m.

For more information about the annual community celebration of Dr. King's birthday, contact Committee Chairman, the Rev. Arthur Willis, (313)701-2413 or Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 955-4545.

Dr. King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in Dr. King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

Celebrated annually on the third Monday of January, Martin Luther King Day is a time when the nation pauses to remember Dr. King's life and work, but also to honor his legacy by making the holiday a day of community service, "a day on, not a day off." It is a federal holiday and offices, both federal, county, state and local are closed. Banks are closed and there is no mail delivery.

Yankee Air Museum plans Wings and Wheels

At Yankee Air Museum, the focus is already on Sunday, June 23, 2018 when the 2nd Annual Wings and Wheels invitational car show will take place on the west ramp at Willow Run Airport.

"The days are so short now, that even if a warm streak hit, no one at your cruising hangout would notice a stray Studebaker," chuckled Peter DeLoof, event chairman of the Yankee Air Museum Wings and Wheels show. "These are the times that try the souls of the car and plane enthusiasts. Our group therapy is in planning meetings and we're making terrific progress."

DeLoof, who owns a rare 1922 Fronty/Ford Indianapolis racecar, says the 2nd Wings and Wheels will be bigger, better than the inaugural event last year simply by building on the successful formula. People like being up close with history and being able to talk with the owners of exceptionally unique cars and planes, he said.

The Wings and Wheels committee includes automotive luminaries Bob Lutz, retired General Motors vice-chairman and Bill Milliken, president of the eminent Points and Condensers Preservation Society. Lutz and Milliken together chair the car selection panel to bring the extraordinary to Wings and Wheels.

"Open the hood of today's automobile and you see a handsome engine cover," said Lutz. "Look under the hoods of the classics we present and you see an evolution of engine technology. We have some exceptional one-of-a-kind cars selected for our show."

DeLoof said the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum has already agreed to send five cars, including one driven by legendary World War I fighter ace, Eddie Rickenbacker. He refused to divulge more cars scheduled for the show, but said a Grumman Widgeon is among the rare aircraft slated to appear June 23.

Cars and planes are appearing by invitation only to assure the highest level of exclusive aircraft and automobiles together in one place, on one day, rain or shine.

People who have an exceptional automobile or plane should contact Elisa Guyton, the event coordinator, at elisa.guyton@yankeeairmuseum.org to receive an application for the Wings and Wheels Selection Committee to consider.

The general public is welcome and tickets are priced at $20 in advance and $25 on the day of the event. Those 15 and younger are admitted at no cost. Food trucks will be on site. Net event proceeds benefit the Yankee Air Museum. Air Adventure rides will be available on the Yankee Air Museum vintage World War II era aircraft, a B-17 Flying Fortress, B-25 Mitchell and C-47 Skytrain along with a Waco biplane.

For more information contact Guyton at the address above.

Romulus man arraigned on charges of indecent exposure

A Romulus man faces two years imprisonment if convicted of indecently exposing himself to a woman shopping at the Dollar Tree on Sunday, Dec. 16.

David Libscomb, 20, was arraigned Dec. 18 in 34th District Court on charges of aggravated indecent exposure, a two-year misdemeanor. The charges were in relation to an incident which took place at about 2:58 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Dollar Tree store located in the 10800 block of Belleville Road in Van Buren Township, according to reports from the office of the prosecutor.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Libscomb with indecent exposure following a report that the suspect allegedly stood behind the woman in the store and then masturbated. The 60-year-old woman reported the incident immediately and Van Buren Township police were dispatched to the store.

Libscomb was taken into custody at a store nearby the Dollar Tree, according to police reports of the incident.

He received a $20,000 bond during his arraignment and a pre-trial conference has been scheduled for Jan. 2 at the 34th District Court in Romulus.

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2018
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-420 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 3, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

3. Petitioner
3A. Joyce Williams, 35800 Abbey Drive, Romulus – request waiver of late fee on water bill. (Assistant Finance Director, Abbie Akins, explained that the late fees are determined by City Ordinance which allows a 21 day grace period before payments are considered late.) No action was taken by Council.

4. Chairperson's Report
18-421 4A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the city attorney and approve the settlement agreement between the City of Romulus and Kevin Ladach. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

5. Mayor's Report
18-422 5A. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with Van Buren Township to provide water service to 13156 Hannan Road, with acknowledgment from Van Buren Township that they will become a City of Romulus water service customer. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-423 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-17 to cover the cost to complete an Economic Development and Marketing Strategy Plan.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Tax Increment Financing Authority				
Expense				
297-728-818.002	Consulting-Development Exp	-	7,000	7,000
Fund Balance				
297-000-390.000	Fund Balance	568,562	(7,000)	561,562

To cover the cost to complete an Economic Development & Marketing Strategy Plan **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

18-424 5C. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-18 to cover the cost for repairs to pedestrian streetlights on Wickham Road belonging to the TIFA Authority.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Tax Increment Financing Authority				
Expen				
297-728-931.000	Maintenance Contracts	3,700	2,400	6,100
Fund Balance				
297-000-390.000	Fund Balance	561,562	(2,400)	559,162

To cover the cost for repairs to pedestrian streetlights on Wickham Road belonging to the TIF Authority. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-425 5D. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement for the community credit program and the local transit program between SMART and the City of Romulus for the 2019 fiscal year. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

6A. Clerk's Report
City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, announced that the next City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

6B. Treasurer's Report
City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, informed that the tax bill payments are due on February 14, 2019.

7. Public Comment
A resident recited a Thomas Paine quote.
Newly-elected Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib announced that she is working on providing three new neighborhood service centers for citizens convenience. A resident spoke about the big trucks that utilize Wick Road.

8. Unfinished Business
Councilman Wadsworth gave a reminder that Helping Hands and Animal Shelter are in need of donations.

9. New Business

10. Communication
The Romulus High School FCCLA is sponsoring a food drive.
Councilwoman Williams requested a copy of the minutes that reflect any action taken by City Council to change the protocol of how Council responds to Number 7 on the agenda, Public Comment.
Councilwoman Talley spoke about the many events going on in the City.
Councilwoman Webb commented on the nice Christmas lights on Merriman Road.
Councilwoman Williams announced the Democratic Club Christmas Party will be held on December 17, 2018.

18- 426 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-23 in the amount of $2,243,720.72. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 10, 2018.

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 18/19-10 Energy Savings Performance Contract

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking proposals from qualified Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) to enter into a budget neutral Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) for comprehensive energy management and energy-related capital improvement services for some or all of our City of Romulus facilities described in Appendix A.

For the purpose of this RFP, "ESCO" refers to any company that is qualified by the National Association of Energy Service Companies (NAESCO) to, following an in depth audit of the City's facilities by the contracted ESCO, provide a turnkey and budget neutral energy conservation program that may ultimately include some or all of the services listed in this RFP. The City is interested in contracting for a full range of energy services and energy-related capital improvements designed to reduce energy and/or water use and related costs at its facilities and the grounds of each of the City's facilities.

The City seeks to maximize energy savings and related improvements within the framework of a long term energy savings performance contract (ESPC) that must comply with the statutory provisions for available financing. Therefore, ESCOs are encouraged to structure a project which utilizes the most current technology and provides the greatest possible energy, water, and operation and maintenance (O&M) savings, that shall be inclusive of all incidental and ancillary work costs and the most beneficial project scope for the City. The City is interested in essential services and improvements that will reduce facility energy and/or water consumption, upgrade energy related capital equipment, improve building O&M, save costs through fuel switching, improve demand management, and alternative energy sources, and aid in reducing the City's facility costs.

(1) Qualified firms wishing to submit a proposal ***must use the forms provided by the City.*** Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system at http://www.mitn.info/. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Proposals may be rejected and cause the bidder to be considered non-responsive and ineligible for award unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.
(2) A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held at 1:30 PM, January 16, 2019, in the Council Chambers of Romulus City Hall located to 11111 Wayne Road. In addition to providing clarifications to the bid documents, this will be the only opportunity for ESCOs to view the facilities prior to submitting a proposal.
(3) Any and all questions must be emailed to lconway@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 P.M. local time, Wednesday, January 23, 2019.
(4) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the RFP documents.
(5) A total of four (4) copies (One original and four marked "Copy") and 1 electronic copy in "PDF" form of the documents of the proposal must be submitted together in a sealed envelope or package and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Wednesday, January 30, 2019. The original proposal may be clipped but should not be stapled or bound. Copies may be stapled or bound. The original and copies should be identical, excluding the obvious difference in labeling.
(6) At approximately 2:45 p.m. local time following the deadline for submitting bids, receipt of all timely received proposals shall be acknowledged publically and a cursory review of submittals shall be made for form and content.
(7) The successful ESCO will be required to enter into a contract with, and provide all bonds and submit proof of all insurance required by the request for proposal documents and originals of all required endorsements acceptable to the City.
(8) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received.
(9) The City reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any proposals that do not contain the information requested in this RFP
(10) The City reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any proposals which are not organized and formatted as described in this RFP.
(11) The City, during the course of the evaluation process, may request additional written information to supplement and clarify the information provided in this response.
(12) The City, at the discretion of the proposal evaluation team, may conduct interviews with some or all of the ESCO's that submitted proposals for consideration.
(13) Contracts may ultimately be awarded to the most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(14) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Police seek suspect in 2 business burglaries

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Police last week released video surveillance photos of a man investigators say is a person of interest in a recent larceny and breaking and entering at two City of Plymouth businesses.

According to Plymouth Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski, police received a report at about 8 p.m. Dec. 15, concerning a suspicious person wearing a neon-yellow hat kneeling in the bushes at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey. The subject was not located when police arrived on the scene.

Later, at about 11:25 p.m., according to details confirmed by Grabowski, there was a report of a stolen purse at Starbucks Coffee Shop, located at 803 W. Ann Arbor Trail. The victim reported her purse was in the break room of the facility before she discovered it was missing.

She told officers she suspected she had unknowingly crossed paths with the suspected perpetrator when she was emptying trash from the business. She told police that when she was outside, she noticed a man who fit the description of the one pictured in the surveillance photos, peering into the open back door of the building.

She told officers that the man quickly walked away. The victim recalled last seeing her purse just before taking the trash outside just after 10 p.m. before she was aware her purse was missing, according to police reports.

At 11:45 p.m. police dispatch received an alarm at 400 Ann Arbor Road, the location of the Plymouth Super Center, a convenience center, car wash and coffee shop. Officers were able to review video that showed a subject wearing a winter coat and brightly-colored hat attempting to enter the closed car wash. Entry into the car wash was never made.

On Dec.16, at 3:15 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Dairy-Go-round at 1226 S. Main and discovered evidence that the business had been broken into. The purse that was stolen from Starbucks the previous night was found in the nearby dumpster, according to police reports.

Officers reviewed video from a nearby business and observed a subject wearing a bright yellow hat approaching the business at 1226 S. Main and then leaving approximately 40 minutes later. The surveillance footage shows the lights turning on, indicating the subject was inside the building and keys to the business were taken.

Grabowski said that when officers received the security video from Starbucks Corporation, on Thursday, Dec. 20, they discovered the yellow-hat subject inside the store just prior to the larceny and before the victim outside the back door saw him. In the video footage, the subject enters and walks directly toward the back of the restaurant.

The subject is described as biracial, approximately 20-years old, 5-feet, 11-inches tall, wearing a neon yellow knit "beanie style" cap pulled down over his ears. He was wearing a winter coat.

Video surveillance photo

Anyone who has information about the subject is asked to contact the Plymouth Police Department at (734) 453-1234, Ext 272 or 258.

Psychiatric hospital building is demolished

That huge parcel of empty land along Seven Mile Road in Northville is a welcome sight to township officials.

Recently, Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix made an official announcement that the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital has been razed. The hospital had been closed since 2003 and the abandoned structure, rumored to be haunted, proved an attraction for trespassers and a trouble spot for law enforcement since.

The nine-story building (with two floors below ground), was by far the largest in the township at 252,174 square feet and was used for administrative purposes, patient wards and medical services for state-provided mental health care.

Nix said in a prepared statement that the building had been taken to grade level. The property has been one of the highest priorities for this township since Nix took office in 2012, he said. Prior to the building being razed, the exterior brick façade was removed, leaving open girders and concrete partitions at the site.

"For years, these buildings have created blight and have been a significant drain on public safety resources," Nix said.

Adamo Group completed the demolition of the structure on Nov. 30 after multiple delays including unforeseen asbestos removal. Costs for the demolition were estimated at $8.7 to $9 million. The rubble should be completely hauled away by next spring, according to official reports.

Members of the Township Board of Trustees and Northville Township staff members worked to make the final demolition happen and "look forward to the future as they continue to progress through the Seven Mile Project," Nix said. Officials have indicated that the land will be used for recreational purposes.

"Our Northville Township Public Safety team does want to remind you that is it is not safe or legal to enter the property and trespassers will be fined," the prepared statement emphasized.

Plymouth 'Learn to play hockey' program begins

Boys and girls who want to learn to play hockey can register now for the next session at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The sessions, designed for players 4 to 9 years of age, are an introduction to hockey and will continue from Jan. 5 through Feb. 23. The cost for the session is $85.

On-ice skill development is planned for 2-2:50 p.m. Saturdays at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth.

Full equipment is required and includes athletic supporter with cup for boys or pelvis protector for girls, shin guards, hockey socks, hockey pants, elbow pads, shoulder pads, jersey, unexpired hockey helmet with full face guard, neck guard, gloves, skates and ice hockey stick. A limited number of gear sets are available to borrow from the recreation department for use during the program and can be reserved on-line when registering.

On-line registration is available at https://plymouthwebtrac.net/wbwsc/plymouthwebtrac.wsc/splash.html

First time users must contact the recreation office to set-up a user identification and password. Contact the office by e-mail at recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us or (734)455-6620 x 0.

Walk-In Registration will be taken at the City of Plymouth Recreation Department located in the Plymouth Cultural Center during regular hours, 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information call (734) 455-6620 x 0.

For more information, contact Tracey Moran, hockey and arena coordinator, at tmoran@ci.plymouth.mi.us or (734) 455-6620 x 314.

Bridges

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Gorman stated, regarding any time frame for completion.

In a surprise move, 20 days later without further explanation, after 'road closed' signs were posted at Haggerty and Wilcox, Parker, in an email, advised Plymouth Township officials that Hines drive had been "re-opened."

"After completing a detailed inspection, the weight restrictions for three Hines Drive bridges have been updated and the bridges will be open," read the Wayne County press release. However, when the bridges were re-opened the county imposed a new 3-ton vehicle weight restriction that forced township fire and emergency vehicles to take a time-consuming detour through a residential area from Station 1.

Last summer, the three bridges were once again completely closed by the county and currently the fire department still must use that longer and slower route though side streets when responding calls from Lake Pointe, the largest subdivision in the township. Of the 32 bridges on Hines Parkway, two of those currently closed span the Rouge River. The first is located just west of Haggerty and the second is further west on Haggerty just past Woods Drive. A third bridge is located west of I- 275 where the park drive passes beneath the freeway.

WXYZ reporter Heather Catallo said that despite repeated requests for an interview with members of Wayne County Executive Warren Evans' staff, county spokeswoman Whitney Lewis, "refused to let us talk to them on camera about the bridges."

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 18/19-13 DEMOLITION
OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES - 35865 VINEWOOD

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified contractors for the demolitions of structures and all required site restoration at 35965 Vinewood, Romulus, MI 48174

1. Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids ***must use the forms provided by the City***. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by visiting the MITN system @ www.mitn.info.
2. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.
3. Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the proposer to obtain the available addenda and acknowledge any issued addenda on the Table of Contents for this solicitation, and further submit a printed copy of the addendum attached as part of the required documents for this solicitation
4. A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., January 23, 2019. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents.
5. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.
6. Each submittal shall be accompanied by a proposal guaranty in the form of a certified check, bid bond or cashier's check payable to the City of Romulus in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Romulus. The guarantee of the successful Bidder shall be forfeited for failure to execute a contract within ten (10) business days after award.
7. Bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (90) calendar days after the date for submitting bids.
8. The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
9. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bonds each in the full amount of the Contract.
10. The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
11. For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Harris, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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CITY OF ROMULUS RFP 18/19-18
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE AT GRADE CROSSING BLOCKAGE RESOLUTION STRATEGY

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking proposals from qualified consulting engineering firms for the development of a strategy to resolve the at-grade blockage issues in City of Romulus and the Huron Township corporate limits. Any contract resulting from this request for proposals is subject to the financial assistance contract between the South East Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the City of Romulus. Grant proceeds will be utilized to compensate the funding of this project.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal must use the forms provided by the City. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system at http://www.mitn.info/. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Proposals may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.

(2) **Non-Discriminatory Practices** - This project is federally funded through the South East Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The City of Romulus per SEMCOG policies encourage participation by disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE), including women business enterprises (WBE), and minority business enterprises (MBE). Certification(s) of such status must be included with any proposal submitted. Pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, the City shall insure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this request for proposals and will not discriminate against any company on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration of this award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

(3) Any company and any subcontractor under the terms of the awarded contract covenants not to discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status or a disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position. When required by the funding body (indicated in proposal documents) the awarded company shall not only observe the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act, but the letter and spirit of the just compensation standards for all wage earners. (City of Romulus Resolution #92-315)

(4) Technical inquiries and questions regarding the procurement procedures must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than Wednesday, January 9, 2019 by 12:00 P.M., local time

(5) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the company to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the RFP documents.

(6) A total of four (4) copies (One marked "Original" and three additional marked "Copy") of the proposal must be submitted together in a sealed envelope or package and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., January 23, 2019. The original proposal may be clipped but should not be stapled or bound. Copies may be stapled and bound. The original and copies should be identical, excluding the obvious difference in labeling.

(7) At approximately 2:45 p.m. local time, following the deadline for the submission of proposals, the receipt of all timely received proposals shall be publically acknowledged following a cursory review of the contents of each proposals for responsiveness.

(8) Prior to the execution of the contract by the City the successful Contractor will be required to enter into a contract, and submit proof of all insurance required by the request for proposal documents and originals of all required endorsements acceptable to the City.

(9) The successful Contractor will be required to enter into a contract, and provide all bonds and submit proof of all insurance required by the request for proposal documents and originals of all required endorsements acceptable to the City.

(10) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received.

(11) The City further reserves to right to negotiate the terms of and award only one phase, both phases or any portion of the requested services with the selected consultant. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(12) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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Canton - Plymouth

Oasis of calm

Volunteers help children in disasters

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Becky Copenhaver of Canton Township, a member of Living Peace Church in Plymouth, believes in giving to others.

She and her husband, Gary, coordinated the Plymouth-Canton C.R.O.P. walk in years past to combat hunger locally and worldwide. Copenhaver now travels with Children's Disaster Services to help frightened children in disaster zones.

Since 1980, Children's Disaster Services (CDS) has been meeting the needs of children by setting up child care centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers across the nation, according to the website, www.brethren.org/cds. Specially trained to respond to traumatized children, volunteers provide a calm, safe and reassuring presence in the midst of the chaos created by tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, wildfires any natural or human-caused disaster, the site notes.

Copenhaver was in Panama City, FLA, in October 2018 for Hurricane Michael assistance.

"Children's Disaster Services is called by either the American Red Cross or FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to send teams to areas hit with a disaster, natural or man-made such as New York for 9/11 and the latest was the shootings in Las Vegas," she said.

"We spend a weekend being trained on how to talk with children following a disaster. Once at a disaster site, we set up a child care area, bringing a suitcase full of toys and games (called a Kit of Comfort) and as the children play, they usually want to share their sadness, concerns, joys, etc. Our job is to listen and provide comfort for them," Copenhaver said. "The child care areas are set up in the shelters so parents can attend to their business such as setting up temporary housing, looking about new jobs, or just getting some extra sleep away from the children."

Children's Disaster Services has more than 700 volunteers throughout the U.S., so when a team is needed they contact those volunteers closest to the disaster area first, then send an email to everyone if they don't get enough responses."

She traveled to Louisiana a few years ago with the organization.

"In Baton Rouge we worked with children displaced from the flooding there. Many children talked about being evacuated from their homes in boats and even a helicopter. They talked about water coming up and getting higher and higher in their homes, prompting them to leave," Copenhaver said.

Terry and Dot Norsen from New York, Kim Black from Pennsylvania, Becky Copenhaver, Jeannette Neal from Tampa, Nancy O'Neill, and Charlot Cole from Illinois are all volunteers with the Children's Disaster Services.

"Panama City was a little different in the fact that most people evacuated the area ahead of the hurricane, so many of the children had not been back to see if their homes were there or not, so the general emotions were not as sad as in Baton Rouge.

"Since I just worked in Panama City, Children's Disaster Services wants us to wait a bit before helping in another disaster."

She agreed that the volunteering is emotionally challenging.

"I think mentally it takes a lot out of you listening to the children. I will probably go back on the list the end of January or February.

"I would recommend anyone get trained if you enjoy working with children. There are workshops going on throughout the country. At the CDS website those training sessions will be listed."

Copenhaver holds an early childhood education degree, "so working and being with children is a passion of mine." Gary Copenhaver's interests are different, she added with a chuckle.

"I always feel like the children and the families affected give me so much more than I give them," she said. "They are so humbled and grateful for our time and commitment in helping their children. I just want to be of service to them."

Four Living Peace Church of Plymouth members are trained through Children's Disaster Services, which is also on Facebook.

Plymouth nursery is sold to English Gardens

Area gardeners will have something new to consider this spring when English Gardens opens in the current Plymouth Nursery & Garden Center site.

English Gardens has acquired the 55-year-old garden supply and landscape company according to owner Jeff Jones. This will mark the sixth location of English Gardens in the Metro Detroit area. The family-owned business, led by President John Darin, has locations in Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak/Troy and West Bloomfield.

"English Gardens has been looking for a new location in this market since we lost the lease on our Ann Arbor store in January 2018," Darin said. "We are very pleased about this opportunity and look forward to servicing customers who frequented our previous store and meeting current Plymouth Nursery customers.

'Jeff and his team have built a beautiful operation. We plan to continue his tradition of offering high-quality products and services, while expanding upon the store's selection." English Gardens will continue to operate the landscaping portion of the business, as well.

"We hope that many of Plymouth Nursery's current team members will continue on with English Gardens," Darin said. "We're also looking to hire additional people to work in the store and landscaping operation."

Plymouth Nursery closed on Dec. 30 and will re-open on March 1, as English Gardens Plymouth Nursery.

Jones said he will be retiring after more than three decades in the business.

"It is with mixed emotions that I am selling Plymouth Nursery & Garden Center," Jones says. "I am sad that after 55 years this wonderful company will no longer be in the hands of my family. However, it is with great joy that I turn the reins over to English Gardens. "I am certain that English Gardens will continue to serve the loyal Plymouth Nursery customers with the same high-quality products and services for which Plymouth Nursery has become known," he said.

The Plymouth Nursery name dates back to 1931. Jones' parents, Wayne and Nancy, purchased Plymouth Nursery in 1963 from Pete Christensen of Christensen's Plymouth Nursery. The nursery was moved to its present location in 1973. Jones purchased the company from his parents in 1986 and has grown and diversified the business.

English Gardens Plymouth Nursery is on a 19-acre site at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Gotfredson Road. The store features a 12,000-square-foot retail space and 12,000-square-foot enclosed greenhouse. The outdoor selling space is approximately 9 acres. The store will offer a complete range of garden products and plants for indoor and outdoor living spaces. The new store will also offer other special services, including: Garden Pharmacy, where associates diagnose plant troubles and provide solutions; as well as a Patio Furniture Design Center for custom orders and design services, Darin explained.

English Gardens shareholders, from left, Kevin Lowman, Debbie Lowman, Rick Vespa, Jeff Jones (Plymouth Nursery), John Darin, Lynette Walker and Bob Walker.

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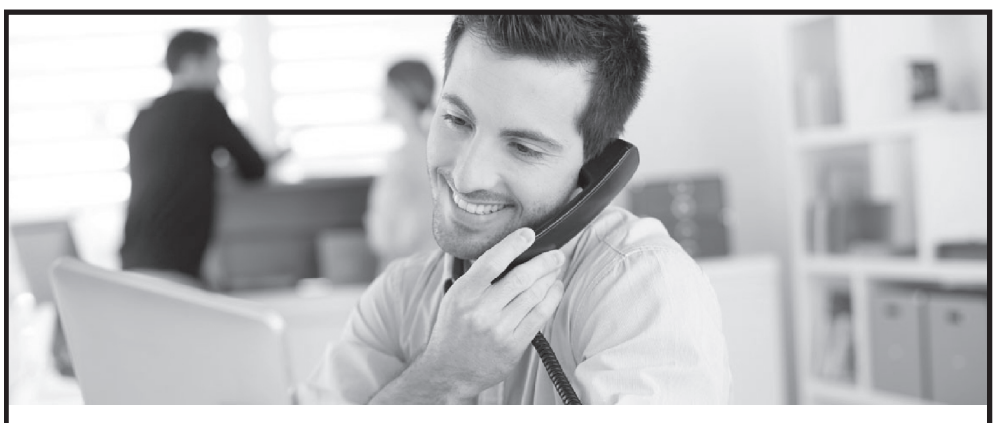

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Christmas spirit

Inkster 'Legends' raffle helps 100 families celebrate holiday

State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster), center, and a group of friends and volunteers along with Director Fred Smiley, far left, shopped for toys and games that were presented to 100 Inkster families by the Basketball Legends of Inkster.

Members of the Westland John Glenn High School basketball team and their coaches and other student volunteers were on hand to help with packaging and distribution of the holiday gifts and food to Inkster families.

More than 100 Inkster families enjoyed Christmas this year funded by the annual Holiday Raffle of the Basketball Legends of Inkster.

"It was the best event ever, it was a smashing success," explained Founder and Director Freddie Smiley of the Grand Giveaway prize drawing which took place Dec. 18 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) and friends did the toy shopping at Meijer in Westland and the Golden Corral provided lunch for the group who spent hours selecting toys and gifts for the families. The shopping and giveaway was organized by Legends board member Larry Spencer, Smiley said.

"At 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, we picked up the UHaul and toys stored in the storage space donated by Inkster UHaul," Smiley said. "Then the volunteers went to Kroger on Cherry Hill and Merriman where the store manager and his staff had shopped for Christmas dinner for 100 families.

"I gave them a shopping list and they boxed up everything except the dairy products, the turkeys, and other items that would not fit in the boxes. We put those in large bags with handles provided by Westland Texas Roadhouse," he said.

Volunteers from the Westland John Glenn and the Robichaud High School basketball teams along with Westwood School Superintendent Dr. Stiles Simmons helped package the groceries, along with all the Inkster Legend volunteers including the foster grandparents who help the group.

Smiley said that video of the raffle drawing and the packaging was taken by Nick Jones, owner of Berta Vision and Lawrence Simmons, owner of Low 14.

S&F Foods in Romulus; Hungry Howie's in Garden City and Laquita Gordon who donated chicken from Captain J's Chicken and Seafood in Inkster provided food for the volunteers.

"This was truly a community-wide function sponsored by the Basketball Legends of Inkster. There were over 300 kids in the 100 families that had a merry Christmas because of all of our efforts. Thanks to all who participated and God bless," Smiley said.

Winners in the raffle included: Sal Vassalio who won four tickets to see the Harlen Globetrotters; Mike Smith, Sabrina Lawrence and Chiere D. who each won four tickets to see the Universoul Circus; Dwight Thomas who won four tickets to see the Detroit Pistons vs. The Toronto Raptors; Carlita Poydras won a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel; Sal Vasslio also won four tickets to the Henry Ford Museum; Myra Davenport won a Birthday Blast party for 15 at the Romulus Athletic Center; Antwan Caloway won a one-day stay at the Marriott Hotel; Sal Vassalio also won two racks of lamb from Fairway Meats in Detroit; Jerry Calhoun won two tickets to the Music Hall Theater; Jeff Carter and Renee Bohabon each won two ReNue Teeth Whitening treatments from Cherry Hill Dental; Sal Vassalio and Green Horton won dinner for two at the Texas Roadhouse in Westland plus a bucket of spices; Brie Quantz won dinner for two at Detroit Urban Soul; Kathy Orr won dinner for two at Ford Garage; Gabe Henderson won dinner at They Say; Alisa Orr Spann won dinner for two at Red Lobster and Andrew Dobbins, Jr. won the bonus prize, a dinner for two at Stardust Lounge in Inkster.

This was the seventh year for the raffle and donation of food and gifts for 100 Inkster families during the holiday season

"We couldn't do it without all those who donate the prizes," Smiley said, "we're very thankful for all the support for all these years."

Highly decorated

City of Westland employees took the holiday decorating contest seriously including mock fireplaces and ornate displays at their desks in an effort to take the first place award. First Place winner in the Most Original category went to the Probation office at the 18th District Court with a second place award to cubicle number two. First place for Best Overall Display went to cubicle number four at city hall, above, and second place to cubicle number three at city hall. The simple but elegant winner was Karen Welling at Jefferson Barns and the WOW factor winner was the Westland Police Department with a second place award to a Jefferson Barns staff member.

Kettles

FROM PAGE 1

Corps are seeking donations, as are leaders in many other regions. Wayne-Westland serves those two communities and Inkster, Romulus and New Boston. The Plymouth Corps covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

The Salvation Army, founded in London, England, in 1865 by William and Catherine Booth, is both a social service agency and a church. It feeds people, works to address homelessness and addiction, empowers youth, and helps people work out of poverty.

Disaster survivors get Salvation Army help, and it also works against human trafficking, both labor and sexual, worldwide.

Sjogren noted respite care for families in need. "We can also fight for justice," he said of The William Booth Legal Aid Clinic of The Salvation Army.

Social media efforts and mainstream media after Christmas are also crucial.

" This past year, The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit was involved in providing 2,577,524 meals and 622,610 nights of shelter for the homeless. The Salvation Army uses 87 cents of every dollar raised to provide direct services to people in need each and every day of the year.

He noted those with questions can call the Southfield divisional headquarters at (248) 443-5500 to get help or additional information. He emphasized their services aren't handouts but rather paths from poverty and other ills to get people "productive and contributing to society as well."

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Calendar of events

Tree recycling available

Westland residents can drop off their Christmas tree at the Recycling Center at the DPS building located at 37137 Marquette during regular operating hours from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. through Friday, Jan. 18. Trees should be free of decorations.

As part of the city Mission:Green Initiative, all trees received will be chipped and recycled for use at the City of Westland Community Garden and other locations. Christmas trees can also be placed on the curb the day of regular trash pick-up through Friday, Jan. 11, but trees taken to the curb will not be recycled.

For more information, call (734)728-1770.

Free Stop Smoking Seminar

The Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church will host free Stop Smoking Seminars at 7 p.m. Jan. 11 and 14.

The seminars will take place at the church, 89 S. Edgemont St. in Belleville.

Pre-registration is available at (918) 902-9977.

Blues at the Elks planned

The Boa Constrictors will entertain during Blues at the Elks from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8. There is a $5 cover charge.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780.

The performance is in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society.

Tax help available

The Plymouth District Library will again host AARP Foundation Tax-Aid this winter. Appointments take place on Wednesdays in February, March and the first two weeks of April. Appointment scheduling will begin on Jan. 7.

This year, the library will host three appointment scheduling open houses. Those seeking free tax preparation appointments should plan to attend one of these open house sessions: 9:30 a.m. until noon both Monday, Jan. 7 and Tuesday, Jan. 8 or 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9. Attendees will select a day and time, receive a confirmation on the spot and enjoy coffee and donuts.

Those unable to attend one of these sessions, can still call the library tax appointment line (734) 453-0750, ext 229 to schedule an appointment. Leave a message and beginning Jan. 10, a library volunteer will return calls to schedule appointments.

Hooper'cise classes planned

Hooper'cise, an exercise program using hula hooping will that place every second and fourth weekends at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 11 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

The cost is $5 per person.

The classes include waist hooping, arm hooping, and introductory dance movements. Participants usually burn up to 450 calories in an hour and strengthen abdominal and core muscles.

To sign up, call Dakima Jackson, (734) 419-1973.

Emergency volunteers sought

The Canton Public Safety Emergency Management Division is seeking volunteers to join the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

The CERT program educates members about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations, according to a spokesman.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

A new basic CERT class is currently forming.

For information, contact William Hayes, emergency management coordinator, by email to whayes@canton-mi.org, or by phone at (734) 394-5357.

Martin Luther King honored

The Canton community will once again honor the memory and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special tribute beginning at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

A punch and cookie reception will precede the main program which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This special event will feature keynote speaker Martin A. Philbert, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan.

There will also be a special performance by Dodson's Elementary School choir. Tickets are only available at the door for $2 per person or $5 per family. For additional information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5300.

Parent night planned

Parents with students entering Wayne Memorial High School for the 2019 year can learn more about the school during a meeting set in February.

The meeting is designed for parents and students transitioning to 9th grade or those interested in more information about transferring to Wayne Memorial High School for the 2019-2020 year.

Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend the meeting set for 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, Advanced Placement courses, extracurricular activities, and others.

The meeting is open to the public and questions are encouraged. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium.

Any additional questions should be directed to the Counseling Department at (734) 419.2215.

Jazz at the Elks planned

Planet D Nonet will perform from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325.

There is a $10 donation which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780.

Tax help offered

Volunteer aides from the AARP Foundation will offer free tax preparation services to seniors at the Northville Community Center on Thursdays, Feb. 7 - April 12. This service has been offered to the community for at least 10 years at the Community Center.

The volunteers who work on tax preparation are certified.

Tax preparation is by appointment only, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and typically takes 1 to 1-½ hours. Taxpayers will get a copy of their e-filed returns, both state and federal. Only personal tax returns, not business tax returns, are processed.

To schedule an appointment, call (248) 305-2851 during business hours. Those who sign up will be contacted by a volunteer to let them know what documentation should be provided to prepared the tax forms.

Elks host 'Ramblers'

The West Side Ramblers will provide free entertainment from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Feb. 7. during Burger Night at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325.

The Dixieland-Bluegrass group comprises vive veteran musicians including Morgan Humecky on vocals, lead guitar and banjo; Sherry Humecky on the hammered dulcimer; Brian Newsom on chord melody/rhythm banjo; Kim Dominick on electric bass and Bob Ervin on rhythm guitar and vocals.

The lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780.

Sax Maniacs to perform

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 will present The Sax Maniacs from 7-10 p.m. Feb. 12. There is a $5 cover charge.

The lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780.

Butterfly Ball tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Butterfly Ball, a Valentine's Day tradition in Canton.

The dance will take place Feb. 8 and 9 at the Summit on the Park, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories. Dads and daughters can enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the highly anticipated- balloon drop that caps off the festivities.

Guests can choose from three dances: 6 p.m. Feb. 8 or 2 or 6 p.m. Feb. 9.

Ticket sales will end Feb.1.

Tickets are priced at $11 for Canton residents and $14 for non-residents. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. The event has sold out in the past, so early ticket purchase is encouraged. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

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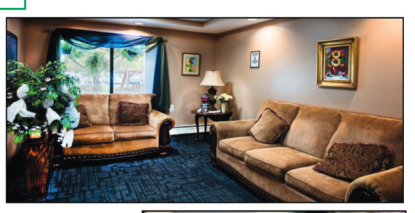

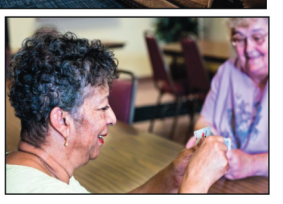

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